# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:338
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2003
SPECIAL GIFT TO BACKWARD DISTRICTS
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Prime Minister has offered a special gift to people living in 25 most backward districts in the country by providing them Rs.15 crore per year;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to develop 132 poorest and Naxalite infested districts in the country;

(c) if so, the places where this development work is likely to be started ; and

(d) by when the development of these districts is likely to be started ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) : The Planning Commission has launched a new initiative in the Tenth Plan, namely, the Backward Districts Initiative under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana. Under this Initiative, 100 most backward districts in various States have been identified. In addition, 32 districts affected by left wing extremism have also been identified. The District Plans in respect of 25 districts were approved during the year 2002-03. However, the funds for these districts could not be released as the modalities of this scheme were yet to be approved by the Government. Out of the annual allocations of Rs.15 crore for the current year for each district, first instalment of Special Central Assistance i.e. Rs.7.50 crore for each of the 25 districts has been released. Each of the districts will receive Special Central Assistance @ Rs.15 crore per district for three years.

(c): List of 132 districts, including 32 districts affected by left wing extremism, identified under the Backward Districts Initiative is enclosed.

(d) : During the current financial year, a total of 66 districts, including 16 districts affected by left wing extremism, are being covered. The remaining districts will be covered from next year.

List of districts referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.338 for answer on 3.12.2003 by Shri Iqbal Ahmed Saradgi regarding Special Gift to Backward Districts

Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana : Backward Districts Initiative

List of Districts

| S. No. | Name of the State | Name of the District |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 1.Adilabad |
| | | 2.Warangal |
| | | 3.Chittor |
| | | 4.Mahbubnagar |
| | | 5. Vizianagaram |
| 2. | Chhatisgarh | 1. Bastar |
| | | 2. Dantewada |
| | | 3. Kankar |
| | | 4. Bilaspur |
| 3. | Gujarat | 1.Dangs |

2.Dohad
3.Panchmahals

4. Haryana 1.Sirsa

5. Jharkhand 1.Lohardagga
2.Gumla
3.Simdega
4.Saraikela
5.Singhbhum West
6.Goddha

6. Karnataka 1.Gulburga
2. Bidar
3.Chitradurga
4.Davangere

7. Kerala 1. Palakkad
2. Wynad

8. Madhya Pradesh 1. Mandla
2. Barwani
3. West Nimar
4. Seoni
5. Shahdol
6. Umaria
7. Balaghat
8. Satna
9. Siddhi

9. Maharashtra 1. Gadchiroli
2. Bhandara
3. Gondia
4. Chandrapur
5. Hingoli
6. Nanded
7. Dhule
8. Nandurbar
9. Ahmednagar

10. Punjab 1. Hoshiarpur

11. Rajasthan 1. Banswara
2. Dungarpur
3. Jhalawar

12. Tamil Nadu 1. Tiruvannamalai
2. Dindigul
3. Cuddalore
4. Naggapattinam
5. Sivgangai

13. Uttar Pradesh 1. Sonbhadra
2. Raebareli
3. Unnao
4. Sitapur
5. Hardoi
6. Banda
7. Chitrakoot
8. Fatehpur
9.Barabanki
10. Mirzapur
11. Gorakhpur
12. Kushinagar
13. Lalitpur

14. Jaunpur
15. Hamirpur
16. Jalaun
17. Mahoba
18. Kaushambi
19. Azamgarh
20. Pratapgarh

14. West Bengal 1. Purulia
2. 24 South Parganas
3. Jalpaiguri
4. Midnapur West
5. South Dinajpur
6. Bankura
7. North Dinajpur
8. Birbhum

Special Category States

15.Assam 1. Kokrajhar
2. North Lakhimpur
3. Karbi Anglong
4. Dhemaji
5. North Cachar Hills

16.Arunachal Pradesh 1. Upper Subansiri

17.Himachal Pradesh 1. Chamba
2. Sirmaur

18.Jammu & Kashmir 1. Doda
2. Kupwara
3. Poonch

19.Manipur 1. Tamenlong

20.Meghalaya 1. West Garo Hills

21.Mizoram 1. Lawngtlai

22.Nagaland 1. Mon

23.Sikkim 1. North Sikkim

24.Tripura 1. Dhalai

25.Uttaranchal 1. Champavat
2. Tehri Garhwal
3. Chamoli

Total 100

List of Extremist Affected Districts

| State | Name of the Districts |
|---|---|
| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 1.Karimnagar |
| | 2.Khammam |
| | 3.Medak |
| | 4. Nalgonda |
| | 5.Nizamabad |
| 2.Bihar | 1.Aurangabad |
| | 2.Gaya |
| | 3.Jehanabad |
| | 4.Rohtas |
| | 5.Nalanda |
| | 6. Patna |
| | 7.Bhojpur |
| | 8. Kaimur |
| 3.Jharkhand | 1.Hazaribagh |
| | 2.Palamu |
| | 3.Chatra |
| | 4.Garhwa |
| | 5.Ranchi |
| | 6.Latehar |
| | 7.Giridih |
| | 8. Koderma |
| | 9.Bokaro |
| | 10.Dhanbad |
| 4.Madhya Pradesh | 1.Dindori |
| 5.Chhatisgarh | 1.Kawardha |
| | 2.Rajnandgaon |
| | 3.Sarguja |
| | 4.Jashpur |
| 6.Orissa | 1.Ganjam |
| | 2.Gajapati |
| | 3. Mayurbhanj |
| 7.Uttar Pradesh | 1.Chandauli |

Note : Districts in bold are being covered in the current year.